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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SOVIET FISHERY OFFICIALS

SUMMARY: EMBOFFS MET WITH SOVIET EMB FISHERY OFFICERS V. S. BELOV AND P. D. GRIGORENKO, WHO WERE ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETOR A. M. SHISHAEV, AT THEIR INVITATION TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY SEVERAL FISHERY MATTERS. THESE INCLUDED RENEGOTIATION OF INPFC, SOUTH KOREAN POLLOCK FISHERY, NORTH KOREA 50 MILE MILITARY ZONE, U.S. QUOTA TO FOREIGN FISHERMEN FOR 1978, WHALING MEETING, AND LONG TERM FISHERY AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOVIETS AND JAPAN. END SUMMARY.

1. AT INVITATION OF BELOV AND GRIGORENKO, FISHERY OFFICERS AT SOVIET EMBASSY, FISHATT AND ANOTHER EMBOFF MET TO DISCUSS FISHERY ITEMS OF CONCERN TO U.S. AND SOVIETS. FIRST MATTER OF DISCUSSION CONCERNED RENEGOTIATION OF INPFC. FISHATT EXPLAINED THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSION WAS HELD LAST AUGUST IN SEATTLE, WASH. AMONG U.S., CANADA AND JAPAN, AND THAT FORMAL NEGOTIATING SESSION WOULD BE HELD LATTER PART OF  
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OCTOBER. BELOV WISHED TO KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY PLANS TO BRING OTHER COUNTRIES INTO NEGOTIATIONS. AT EARLIER MEETING REPORTED IN MEMO OF CONVERSATION DTD JUNE 9 HE HAD INDICATED SOVIETS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SCIENTIFIC FORUM COMPOSED OF ALL COUNTRIES HAVING INTEREST IN NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES. WE INDICATED THAT AT THIS TIME NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE LIMITED TO U.S., CANADA AND JAPAN BUT AT LATER

DATE IT MIGHT BE THAT LARGER GROUP OF NATIONS WOULD BE CONVENED TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR SETTING UP SCIENTIFIC BODY OF NATIONS. THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME SURPRISE BY BELOV AND HIS ASSOCIATE GRIGORENKO THAT U.S. WISHED TO RENEGOTIATE INPFC BECAUSE GIFA WE NOW HAVE WITH JAPAN SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

2. BELOV CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT ROK WILL NOT RECEIVE QUOTA FOR KAMCHATKA POLLOCK. WE SUGGESTED THIS SEEMS TO BE CONTRARY TO EMERGING INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE WHEREBY NATIONS' HISTORICAL FISHING RIGHTS ARE USUALLY RECOGNIZED BY COASTAL STATE. HE MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ROK QUOTA BECAUSE SOVIETS AND ROK DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT KAMCHATKA POLLOCK IS ALREADY OVERFISHED AND THAT NO SURPLUS EXISTS FOR FOREIGN FISHERMEN. THIS SUGGESTS, THOUGH BELOV DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SO STATE, THE INTAKE QUOTA

CANNOT BE MADE UP. HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM HIM AS SOON AS WE KNOW THE COUNTRY QUOTAS. HE INDICATED THAT INFORMATION WAS VERY SLOW IN GETTING TO HIM FROM MOSCOW. WE TOLD HIM OF SCIENTISTS RECOMMENDATION THAT BERING SEA POLLOCK TAC BE REDUCED TO 850,000 MT FROM 950,000 BUT THAT FINAL DISCUSSION WOULD BE MADE BY USG ON WHAT TAC WILL BE. OVER WEEKEND, FRONT PAGE HEADLINES IN TOKYO NEWSPAPER CARRIED PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR TOTAL ALLOWABLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN FISHERY WHICH INDICATES BERING SEA POLLOCK TO REMAIN AT 950,000.

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5. BELOV SUGGESTED THAT HOLDING EXTRA SESSION OF IWC MEETING IN TOKYO WAS QUITE AGREEABLE TO SOVIETS. HE SAID THAT GOJ AND SOVIETS WERE THINKING OF WITHDRAWING FROM IWC AND FORMING THEIR OWN ORGANIZATION TO ENABLE THEM CARRY OUT WHALING UNIMPEDED. WHEN WE EXPRESSED GREAT SURPRISE AT THIS, HE SAID LAUGHINGLY IT WAS ONLY A JOKE. THOUGH HE DID NOT VERIFY THIS, APPARENTLY DISCUSSIONS ARE ONGOING BETWEEN SOVIETS AND JAPAN CONCERNING JOINT WHALING OPERATIONS.

6. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR NEGOTIATION OF LONG TERM FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOVIETS AND JAPAN. ACCORDING TO BELOV THIS WILL BE HELD SOON. HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATION. FROM HIS REMARKS IT APPEARS THERE MAY BE SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING SALMON. THE SALMON PROBLEM, HE REMARKED, IS VERY SERIOUS.  
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